



WINTER STORMS

Description

Winter storms vary in size and intensity and may affect a small part of one State or several States at once. Winter storms may be categorized as ice storms, heavy snowfall, or blizzards.

Related Hazards

Flooding can occur when large amounts of snow melt in a short period.

Geographical Considerations

Almost the entire United States, except Hawaii and the Territories, are at risk. The level of risk depends on the normal severity of local winter weather. Winter storms known as *northeasters* cause extensive coastal flooding, erosion, and property loss in the northeastern and middle Atlantic States.